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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Riccardo Dalla Favera

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the November 19, 2002 Final Office Action. A response to the Office Action was originally due February 19, 2003. Applicant filed a Communication In Response To November 19, 2002 Final Office Action on February 19, 2003. Applicant has previously established small entity status. The fee for a threemonth extension of time is FOUR HUNDRED AND SIXTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$465.00) for a small entity and a check for that amount is enclosed. With the three-month extension, a response to the November 19, 2002 Final Office Action is now due May 19, 2003. Accordingly, the subject application is pending today for the purpose of filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$465.00 fee for a three-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

certify hereby that correspondence is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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